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FOLLOWING TEL RECEIVED FROM BIEN HOA APRIL 11, H/W REPEATED
TO YOU. QTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L BIEN HOA 300

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MOPS VS

SUBJ: SITUATION IN LONG KHANH PROVINCE

REF: BIEN HOA 298

1. THE MR3 CHIEF OF STAFF, BG TUONG, INFORMED ME AT 1800 HOURS
APRIL 11 THAT AFTER ASSAULTING XUAN LOC CITY THROUGHOUT THE DAY,
THE NVA/VC BROKE OFF CONTACT IN THE LATE AFTERNOON WITH GVN
FORCES STILL IN CONTROL OF THE CITY. GVN REINFORCEMENTS REACHED
THE CITY BY HELICOPTER LIFT DURING THE AFTERNOON.

2. THE SITUATION WAS GENERALLY QUIET ALSO ON ROUTE 1 EAST OF
THE BIEN HOA/LONG KHANH BORDER WITH THE NVA STILL BLOCKING
ROUTE 1 BETWEEN ROUTE 1'S JUNCTION WITH ROUTE 20 AND XUAN LOC
CITY.

3. BG TUONG CORRECTED INFORMATION REGARDING CASUALTY FIGURES
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REPORTED REFTTEL, NOTING THAT THE FIGURES (WHICH REMAIN UNCHANGED)

ARE FOR THE LAST THREE DAYS AT XUAN LOC CITY RATHER THAN APRIL 11 ONLY AND THEY INCLUDE RESULTS OF THE LONG KHANH TERRITORIAL FORCES FIGHTING WITH THE 18TH ARVN DIV.

4. MR3 HQS IS WATCHING WITH CLOSE INTEREST AERIAL OBSERVATION REPORTS OF ABOUT 100 VEHICLES ON ROUTE 322 GOING SOUTH FROM RANG RANG. ROUTE 322 IS THE SO-CALLED "MADAME NHU ROAD" RUNNING FROM PHUOC LONG PROVINCE THROUGH RANG RANG DOWN TO QL 1 WHICH IT JOINS EAST OF BIEN HOA. THERE IS SOME INDICATION THAT THESE VEHICLES ARE MOVING FROM ROUTE 322 WHERE IT CROSSES THE DONG NAI RIVER EASTWARD TOWARD ROUTE 20, BUT THERE IS CONCERN THAT THEY MIGHT ALSO BE BRINGING FRESH TROOPS WHO WOULD ATTEMPT TO REACH ROUTE 1 INSIDE BIEN HOA PROVINCE.

5. THE SITUATION RELATIVELY QUIET ELSEWHERE IN MR3.
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